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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF
THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

MICHELLE N. BADGER, LPC
LICENSE No. 37PC00293700

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Michelle Bernardo's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms. Bernardo disclosed in her application that although she is not licensed, she has been working as a counselor in a for-profit setting under the supervision of Ms. Michelle Badger, LPC and

that Ms. Badger, LPC supervised her counseling experience at Caring Family Community Services, Hamilton, New Jersey.

It appears to the Committee that Ms. Badger, as Ms. Bernardo's supervisor, aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of professional counseling. Ms. Badger permitted and supervised Ms. Bernardo's counseling in a for-profit setting despite Ms. Bernardo's lack of an associate professional counselor license, the minimum requirement for provision of such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that respondent has aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of professional counseling in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a). It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2008

ORDERED:

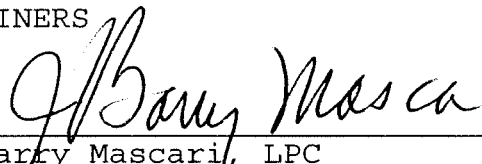
1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).

2. Respondent is reprimanded for aiding and abetting the

unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).

3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the entry of the within order. Providing that respondent complies with the terms of the Consent Order and provides documentation within sixty (60) days that all the therapists that she is currently supervising are licensed, the civil penalty shall be stayed.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE
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EXAMINERS



J. Barry Mascari, LPC
President

I have read the above Order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.



Michelle N. Badger, LPC